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A LOWER TAX RATE

In spite of an increase in expenditures of at least \$11,000 for the construction of new roads and \$3,000 for the repair of mill dams, the Levy Court was able to reduce the county and poor tax rate from 70 to 65 cents on the \$100 of assessed valuation. This is a direct result of honest county government by a Republican Levy Court, and is a decided contrast to the Democratic mismanagement in the city of Wilmington. When the Republicans secured control of the Levy Court, they found that six months receipts for taxes had been used to liquidate the floating debt coming over from the preceding fiscal year. In other words the county was six months in arrears with its bills. At the expiration of one year, it was found that the tax rate could be safely reduced 10 cents per \$100, and at the close of the second year another reduction of 5 cents is made. With the same business management in control for the next year, it is almost a certainty that another 5 cents will be taken off. On the other hand the Democrats in Wilmington's City Council found a surplus, and after four years of control, the new Council faces a deficit of more than \$100,000. This is only history repeating itself so far as this county and the city of Wilmington are concerned. Democrats create a deficit; Republicans build up a surplus.

Much of the credit for the condition in county affairs is due to the business methods introduced by ex-President M. N. Willits, who has labored hard to get the business done according to law. And his successor, Mr. Chandler, with the help of Mr. Hopkins, has ably carried out the plan of work introduced by Mr. Willits.

THE IOWA REPUBLICANS

"The platform adopted at the Iowa Republican Convention on Wednesday shows in its construction the experienced hand of Senator Allison. While not differing in spirit from the Iowa Republican platform of last year, it avoids phrases that, when separated from their context, give ground for cavil and are open to misrepresentation. Iowa is for protection this year, as it was for protection last year, and it treats the tariff as it should, not as a fixed and finished Chinese wall, but as an adjustable safeguard to be modified when changed conditions make a modification wise and proper.

"The Iowa platform of last year declared 'in favor of such changes in the tariff from time to time as may become advisable through the progress of our industries and their changing relations to the commerce of the world.' This idea is repeated in more compact phrase in the Iowa platform of this year, but it is interpreted by the additional sentence: 'Duties that are too low should be increased and duties that are too high should be reduced.' Free traders will find little comfort in this, as the only tariff change commendable in their eyes is tariff reduction.

"This tariff plank in the Iowa platform embodies the true Republican doctrine. It was given nearly the same expression in the national platform of 1896, on which McKinley and Hobart won a triumphant victory. That platform points out that protection does not mean a definite and permanent tariff schedule. It said: 'The question of rates is a practical one, to be governed by the conditions of the time and of production; the ruling and uncompromising principle is the protection and development of American labor and industry.' The Republicans of Iowa and the Republicans of the entire United States rest on that statement of their party's protective policy.

"The entire Iowa platform is a clear and admirable expression of Republican doctrine and policy. The Iowa Republicans are fortunate in their leadership. They seem to breed out there public men of a superior kind in unusual abundance. The convention was able to congratulate the State on its two members of the Cabinet. For four years past it has also had the Speaker-ship. Governor Cummins, who has just been re-nominated, has found the executive chair of Iowa sufficiently exalted to win

for him a national reputation, while in the United States Senate Iowa combines Dilliver's ready eloquence with Allison's long experience, sound judgment and great influence. Iowa's position in the coterie of States is therefore a commanding one and the platform of the Republican party there has a national influence. Philadelphia Press.

OUR TEACHERS

The Board of Education honored itself on Wednesday evening in the unanimous choice of Miss Ida V. Howell to succeed Mr. W. J. Bickett as principal of the Middletown Schools. Miss Howell is a graduate of our schools, and has had experience as teacher therein, sufficient to qualify her for the promotion. In the selection of Mrs. Ruth N. Rhodes to fill the vacancy in Department No. 2 the Board has re-elected another graduate of the schools and a former teacher, who always gave satisfaction. The re-election of the other teachers was expected, but is nevertheless gratifying to the parents and pupils. With the present staff, there is no doubt that the schools will be better than in the past, although the standard has always been high.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Harry Bouchelle visited Baltimore Friday.

Mrs. Missouri Paterson is in Philadelphia.

The Spa Spring dance will be held on Monday, July 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brady spent Thursday in Philadelphia.

Miss Florence Boulden is visiting relatives in Wilmington.

John Banks spent several days of this week in Philadelphia.

Mr. Waitman Smithers was a Perryville visitor Saturday.

Miss Alice Boulden spent last week with friends in Elkton.

Miss Edith Willis has been visiting friends in Town Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bouchelle, Jr., are visiting Cecilton relatives.

Clark Barwick is visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Biddle, at Earleville.

Dr. T. J. Conrey is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Annie Conrey.

Rev. and Mrs. Dashiell and Miss Barton visited Wilmington Friday.

Miss Alice Hanson, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. G. S. Woolley.

Charles P. West visited his brother in Brooklyn, N. Y., on Sunday.

The Masons attended the M. E. Church in a body on Sunday morning.

Mr. William Boren and son, George, visited Wilmington last week.

Miss Leila Holland, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Miss Nannie Wright.

Victor Woolley, of Wilmington, visited his uncle, G. S. Woolley on Sunday.

Mr. Robert Jones, of Baltimore, has been visiting Capt. and Mrs. Tolbert Her.

Miss Fannie Ford, of Elkton, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Mary Ford.

Miss Mary Pennington, of Philadelphia, is spending a few days with Mrs. Fletcher Price.

Mrs. T. E. Martindale and her mother, of Elkton, visited Mrs. Thomas Wright on Friday.

Dr. Stanley Steel, of Elkton, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Steele, on Monday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Metz spent the past week in Wilmington with her son, Mr. Harry Metz.

Edwin Stubbs, of St. Augustine, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stubbs.

Mrs. D. P. Boulden and daughter, Miss Lucy, spent several days during the past week in Elkton.

Miss Harriet Pierce is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Pierce, of Germantown, Pa.

Mrs. W. A. Stubbs, of St. Augustine, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Boulden.

Miss Althea Price is spending some time with her grandparents, Capt. and Mrs. Gilbert Loveless.

Mrs. Harry Griffith, of Morrisville, Pa., has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Barwick.

Clifford Smallzell and Harry Taylor and daughter, Hazel, are visiting at the home of James Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gough and child, and Miss Ella Gough, of Baltimore, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Hudson.

Harry B. Manlove, of Sasafraas Neck, is spending a few days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dailey.

Mrs. John Alexander and granddaughter, Miss Miriam Alexander, spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Steele and Miss Madeline spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Clayton, of near St. Augustine.

A number of families have moved during the past week. A few of our vacant houses have been taken for the summer by Philadelphia parties.

Our young undertaker, Mr. W. F. Guthrie, returned on Monday with his bride, who was a Miss Burns, of Delaware. The wedding, a quiet one, was solemnized Wednesday evening.

WIDOW OF JACOB TOME WEDS

In the presence of only immediate relatives and a few personal friends, Mrs. Evelyn S. Tome and Dr. Joseph Iwan France, of Washington D. C., were married Wednesday at the palatial home of the bride, Rev. Dr. A. S. Mowbray, pastor of Tome Memorial M. E. Church, being the officiating clergyman. The wedding was a very quiet one and without any ostentation. Following the ceremony an informal reception was held, after which Dr. and Mrs. France boarded the Atlantic City Express. Mrs. France is the widow of the late Jacob Tome, founder of the Jacob Tome Institute, Port Deposit, Md., which he endowed with several millions of dollars. She is the only woman in this country serving as president of a national bank.

SASAFRAS

Mr. Robert W. Johnston's eldest son Lloyd is lying very ill.

Teachers examination will take place in Chestertown July 8th and 9th.

Mr. Preston Shallcross, of Philadelphia, is visiting his uncle Jacob T. Shallcross.

Mr. William Wierd, of Baltimore, is visiting Mr. Boulden Crancroft, near Cecilton.

Mrs. John F. Ernest was entertained on Monday by her mother, Mrs. I. Gunkel, of Warwick.

Mr. Alexander T. Laws visited Chestertown relatives on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. Frank Babbitt is lying dangerously ill at her mother's near town, with no hopes of recovery.

The Maryland State Bar Association will hold their State Convention at Ocean City from July 7th to 9th.

It is a tremendous relief for us to have some bright weather again, after three weeks rainy weather.

Mrs. I. Gunkel and daughter, Miss Bessie, leave on Tuesday next for an extended trip to Denver, Col.

We are pleased to state Mrs. John Tarlinton who has been quite sick for some days is very much improved at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Spry were entertained on Sunday for the day by his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Allen near Cecilton.

Mrs. Leeton and daughter, Mrs. Frank Weeks, of near Kennedyville, were entertained on Monday by Mrs. Frank Sylvester.

Mrs. Louis Devera has been suffering for the past several days from being poisoned by ivy oak. She is somewhat improved at this writing.

Chestertown has become the financial center of the Eastern Shore. The statements of the three banks show deposits of over a million dollars.

Wednesday night last the Wilmington M. E. Church celebrated the John Wesley bi-centenary service. Dr. C. T. Wyatt of Middletown, addressed the audience.

The friends of Mr. Stephen Boyer heard from him Wednesday, and as yet there is not much improvement since he left for Asheville, N. C. He will remain for some months yet.

Messrs. Williams and T. Colecott, of Philadelphia, called on Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Griffith on Sunday afternoon en-route for a visit to their farms near Chestertown, driving the entire distance.

Owing to the death of Mrs. Robert W. Johnston, Children's Day services were postponed until this Sunday, July 5th. A very fine program will be rendered, and it is to be hoped the old Rehoboth M. P. Church will be full to the doors. There was quite a number come last Sunday evening and were disappointed.

BOHEMIA MANOR

Mrs. A. B. Berry spent last week with Wyoming friends.

Miss Hallie Gray has been quite ill but is slowly improving.

Miss Elizabeth Swing is spending some time with Philadelphia friends.

John J. Williams is spending this week with his brother near Kirkwood, Md.

Master Pierce Berry is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Julian Jones at Betterton, Md.

Miss Evelyn Spear, of Chesapeake City, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Edna Spear.

Mrs. William Collins is spending some time with Baltimore and Washington friends.

Mrs. William Ban and three children, of Baltimore, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Donaldson.

Mr. Edgar Ellison has returned to Wilmington after spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ellison.

Miss Linda George is very ill. She is threatened with pneumonia, but we hope her physician will get it under control before it develops.

Inquest Into Smith's Death

Coroner McCormick Monday night held an inquest into the death of Peter Smith, the boy who was shot at the New Castle workhouse on Monday night, June 22d. The jury returned the following verdict:

Resolved, That Peter Smith came to his death as a result of a gunshot wound inflicted by a person unknown to the jury.

CECILTON

James H. Smith spent a few days of this week in Baltimore.

C. H. Messick is travelling through the South on a business trip.

Rev. George Alderson, of Lewes, is the guest of his brother, William Alderson.

Enoch Richards, of Smyrna, was entertained on Monday by Fred Hoover.

Miss Gertrude Colvin, of Wilmington, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. John Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cavender are entertaining their niece from Baltimore.

Miss Ada Pearce, of Elkton, is spending some time with her aunt, Mrs. James Watts.

Ralph Pearce, of Elkton, visited his uncle, James Watts, on Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Desdemona Boulden was entertained by Mrs. Dollie Clayton during the past week.

Misses Daisy Hoover and Mamie Pierce were entertained by Miss Myrtle Templeman this week.

Mrs. Wilbur Woolley, of Earleville, spent Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. Patrick Anderson.

Mr. Chandler, of Baltimore, was the guest of Charles Griffith and family a few days of the past week.

Misses Cora and Elizabeth Anderson spent Saturday and Sunday with their cousin, Mrs. William Brown.

Miss Georgiana Wainsley who has been spending the past month with Elkton relatives has returned home.

Miss Alice Story, of Baltimore, has returned home after spending some time with her sister, Mrs. R. M. Black.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bouchelle, of Chesapeake City, spent Saturday and Sunday with his grandmother, Mrs. M. E. Ferguson.

Miss Elizabeth Lake has returned to her home in Chesapeake City after having been the guest of her grandmother for several weeks.

Don't forget! A lawn fete will be held in the parsonage lawn this evening, July 4th: The feature of the evening will be musical and patriotic speaking. Ice cream and cake will be for sale by the ladies. All are invited to come.

Little Preparation for Peach Crop The Pennsylvania Railroad will make but little preparation for the Peninsula peach crop this year. Experts have looked into the probable yield, and find it will be very small. Heretofore many cars have been fitted out for the principal fruit shipment from the State, and loss to the farmers by the small crop will also be felt by the railroad company.

ST. GEORGES

A. N. Sutton spent Saturday in Philadelphia.

Miss Anna Stewart was in Wilmington on Friday.

Edward Gam was in Wilmington part of last week.

Mrs. George Vincent is paying a visit in Fairtown, N. Y.

Miss Sara Milligan is entertaining Miss Margaret Carrick, of New Castle.

Rev. J. R. Milligan and wife, spent part of last week in Wilmington.

Mr. Jessup, of Swathmore, Pa., was an over Sunday guest at the Manse.

Mrs. James Scott, of Bethel, Md., visited friends here on Thursday.

Mrs. D. C. Wolf and son, Irving, are visiting relatives in Baltimore, Md.

Miss Mabel Stewart, of New Castle, is visiting her aunt, Miss Elizabeth Riley.

Miss Mollie Taylor has returned from a week's stay with relatives at Delaware City.

Mrs. Allen and daughter are spending some time with her mother in Trenton, N. J.

Miss Elizabeth Riley has returned from a several weeks stay with Philadelphia friends.

Mrs. H. C. Dolson and Mrs. Alida Jones were guests of Middletown friends on Wednesday.

The Ericsson Line steamers have started their summer trips from Philadelphia to Baltimore.

Mrs. James Garman is in Trenton, N. J., where she will remain for sometime with her sister, Mrs. Hutchinson.

Mrs. James White and daughter, Miss Edna, who have been visiting relatives at Jester's Corner, have returned home.

Mrs. H. C. Dolson, Mrs. Alida Jones and daughter, Miss Mabel, were visitors at C. J. Vandegrift's, near Port Penn, on Friday.

D. B. Stewart and daughter, Mrs. Margaret Reybold, were entertained by friends in New Castle on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Margaret Jackson and granddaughter, Miss Merian Hill, left on Friday for London Grove, Pa., where they will remain for sometime.

Mrs. Charles Wright and daughter, Miss Ida, and their guest, Miss Lizzie Stewart, left for Baltimore, Md., on Friday, where they will remain for ten days.

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A fine White Lawn Waist trimmed with embroidery hem-stitching and tucks, new stock. A \$1.75 waist reduced to 98c. And good many others all reduced.

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Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:
North Bound—3.30, 7.30, 9.30 and 10.30 a. m.; 4.15 and 6.05 p. m.
South Bound—3.30, 7.30, 9.30 and 10.30 a. m.; 4.15 and 6.05 p. m.
For Newark, Cecilton, Barville and Sussex—4.40 and 7.50 p. m.

Trains Close as Follows:
Going North—7.30 a. m., 10.30 a. m., 2.30 p. m., 5.30 p. m. and 9.30 p. m.
Going South—3.30 a. m., 4.30 p. m., and 9.30 p. m.
For Newark, Cecilton, Barville and Sussex—4.40 and 7.50 p. m.

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Local News.

Delicious Ice Cream Soda, at
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Try Huber's Steamed Bread. For
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LAWN, 3/4c the yard up, at Mrs. G. W.
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Fireworks for the 4th,
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WANTED.—Housekeeper on farm near
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The summer session of Golden College
is now open, and students may enter at
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Don't forget to attend our annual
Bargain Sale in summer goods, beginning
July 14th. Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.
July 14th we will begin our clearing
sale of Summer goods, Lawns, Dimities,
Silks and a fine assortment of imported
Summer Dress Goods to go at less than
cost. Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.

Mr. William H. Johnson is having a
new porch erected in front of his dwell-
ing on West Green street. He will also
have his dwelling newly painted, and
make other repairs to the interior.
Many people in small towns contribute
their patronage to making big cities
richer instead of patronizing home indus-
tries and making their own towns pros-
perous. It is the old story of greasing a
fat hog.

The election of School Commissioners
last Saturday resulted in the re-election
of M. B. Burris, Esq., and John W.
Jolls. The new Board, whose personnel
is the same as the old one, organized
Wednesday night by electing G. D. Kel-
ley President and John W. Jolls Sec-
retary.

Uncollected Letters.—The following list
of letters remain uncollected in the post
office for the week ending June 25th:
Miss J. Blacker, Miss Mary J. Johnson,
Miss Ellen Miller, Miss Maggie Terrell,
Mrs. Charles Wilson, J. L. Jones, Wil-
liam Meller, Col. Moses Opler, C. H.
Truitt, H. V. Williams.
Thos. E. Hurn, the new collector of
town taxes, having bonded and assumed
charge of his duties, is prepared to re-
ceive all taxes now due. He can be
found at any time at his office in the Ad-
ams' Express building or at his residence.
It will be well to remember that a deduc-
tion of 5 per cent. is allowed on all taxes
paid before October 1st, next.

At the regular weekly meeting of
Washington Camp, No. 9, P. O. S. of A.,
Friday evening, the following officers
were installed for the ensuing term:
President, Harry Hildard; Vice Presi-
dent, James R. Ladd; Master of Ceremonies,
Tolbert Williams; Conductor, Thomas
Pierce; Inspector, Ilney Giles; Guard,
Howard Marker; Trustee, Thomas Smith.
There is an old saying among the til-
lers of the soil, that by July 4th corn
ought to be high enough to hide a horse,
when cultivating it. Some seasons the
farmers stop working their corn by July
4th, but it will not be so this year, as in
many cases entire fields had to be planted
the second time, and in some places the
second planting is not over 12 inches high.

After a separation of 17 years William
F. Beck, of New Castle, has found a sis-
ter and brother. Beck's family was
broken up by the death of his mother.
He searched constantly for them for
years and has at last been rewarded by
locating the sister at Easton, Md., where
she was raised by a farmer, Daniel Cox.
His brother is a farmer at King's Creek,
Somerset county, Md.

The J. C. Parker & Son Company will
begin the manufacturing of horse blankets
in the early fall at their harness factory
in this town. The above named firm
has been handling blankets in connection
with the harness business for several
years, and their sales have increased so
rapidly that they have decided to put in
the machinery necessary for the work
and make their own goods. They will
employ about 20 ladies in their new de-
partment.

The Board of Education has elected the
following instructors for the Middletown
High School for the ensuing year: Prin-
cipal, Mrs. Ida V. Howell; 1st Assistant,
Mrs. Ruth N. Rhodes; 2d Assistant, Mrs.
Ida R. McCrone; 3d Assistant, Miss R.
Annex Maxwell; 4th Assistant, Miss Eliza-
beth R. Hall. The selection of Miss
Howell as principal is very gratifying to
her many friends who will join Tax
Treasury in wishing her much success
as principal of our institution of learning.

The death of Rufus Hardy, colored, in
whose pocket was found a handbook on a
Philadelphia institution, a revolver, with
several rounds of ammunition and two
pints of whiskey at Mt. Pleasant Wed-
nesday morning has caused much talk in
this section. The man was walking
along the tracks of the Delaware railroad
and was struck by train No. 96. After
striking the man the train stopped and
he was put on board and taken to Wil-
mington, where his remains were taken
charge of by Deputy Coroner Kilmer.

Fireworks of all kinds at JONES & BRADLEY'S.

Wheat sold in Baltimore Wednesday
for 80 cents; corn, 55 cents.
Until further notice the Middletown
Public Library will be open on Tuesday
evenings, from 7 to 8.30; Saturday after-
noons, from 4 to 5; Saturday evenings,
from 7 to 8.30.

Our Town Fathers have decided to im-
prove Railroad Avenue, one of the most
used streets in our town, and during the
first of the week engaged a traction en-
gine and the large plow used by the con-
tractor for the trolley road to plow the
street. It is the intention of the Com-
missioners to use the stone taken from
the West end of Main street along the
trolley track, and place them in this
thoroughfare, thus insuring a substantial
road, which will undoubtedly be a great
improvement.

The farmers of New Castle county have
finished cutting their wheat, and many
of them will start to thresh in a short
time. Many of the farmers say that the
wheat crop will turn out better than they
expected, and in most cases they expect
a fairly good yield. In this section
of the county a fair crop is expected,
but the straw is very short. Those who
intend to thresh out of the field will start
in next week, when the parties who own
threshing outfits will reap a harvest for a
few weeks. The market price of wheat
at the present time is about 75 cents a
bushel.

The day we all celebrate is at hand,
and the spirit of patriotism has not moved
the people of this part of Delaware to
make any special effort to observe the
day by any of the many ways usually
taken to express the patriotic feeling that
should burn in the breast of every man
owing allegiance to the American flag.
Perhaps the spirit is there just the same;
but the energy to raise the occasion is
lacking. Every child should be taught
to understand what the Declaration of
Independence means to him as a citizen
of this great federation of States, and at
all times pay honor to the flag represent-
ing the greatest country that the
light of day shines upon.

This is the Fourth of July, and as long
has been the custom, there will be a
large quantity of explosives used by our
boys, such as fire crackers, rockets and
various others, and in the face of the
many accidents that occur every year
from careless firing of these things, we
deem it timely to call the attention of
our people to the fact that too much pre-
caution cannot be taken to avoid the
danger to life and property. This year
the Fourth comes on Saturday, and there
doubtless will be many teams hitched
along the public thoroughfare, and if
fire crackers are fired without due discre-
tion, may endanger the lives of children,
women, and all pedestrians. It is also
quite noticeable on this National holiday
that in the heat of excitement or the
false idea of a joke, these crackers are
thrown under the feet of men and
women, which is to say the least, dan-
gerous.

CHURCH NOTES

Presiding Elder W. G. Koons will
preach in Bethesda M. E. Church to-
morrow evening at 7.30 o'clock, and will
hold the First Quarterly Conference on
Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock. All are
cordially invited.

Rev. C. T. Wyatt, pastor, will admin-
ister the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
in Bethesda M. E. Church to-morrow
morning at 10.30 o'clock, which will be
preceded by an old-fashioned love feast,
beginning at 9.15 A. M.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in
the lecture room of the M. E. Church
every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock.
Everybody is invited to attend. The
topic for to-morrow evening is: "The
Safeguard of a Nation." Prov. 14-34.

A lawn fete will be held next Tuesday
evening, July 7th, from half past six to
half past nine, on the grounds of St.
Anne's Church. Proceeds for the treas-
ury of the Junior Auxiliary. Ice cream,
cake and lemonade will be served. All
are invited.

The Young Peoples Society of Chris-
tian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian
Church, meets every Sunday evening at
6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is ex-
tended to everybody. The topic for to-
morrow evening is: "Endeavorers in
training for public life." Gen. 41:38-42;
Acts 7:55-56; Dan. 6:1-4. Miss May Hol-
ten, leader.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary So-
ciety, of which Mrs. A. G. Cox is Presi-
dent, took charge of the service at Beth-
esda M. E. Church last Sunday evening.
The solo and reading entitled "The
Traveler," by Mrs. Jesse L. Shepherd
and Miss Katharine Van Sant, was an
attractive feature. The pastor, delivered
an appropriate address. The thank offer-
ing was liberal.

The Wesley Bazaar Service at
Bethesda M. E. Church last Tuesday
night was a brilliant success. After open-
ing the exercises by singing one of Char-
les Wesley's hymns, Rev. J. M. Arters,
of Odessa, offered prayer. Dr. A. M.
Lightbourn, of Wilmington, and Rev. C.
W. Smith, of Hillsboro, Md., gave two
strong and inspiring addresses upon the
work and teachings of the Apostle of
Methodism. Rev. Smith sang two solos
which completely captivated the large
audience. At the conclusion of the ex-
ercises in the auditorium, the entire
audience was invited to the basement,
where refreshments were served to at
least one hundred and fifty persons. The
League had tastefully decorated the Sun-
day School room with red and white
streamers and flowers, and it presented
a most attractive appearance. Misses
Lena Pleasanton and Nora Armstrong
contributed greatly to the social enjoy-
ment by furnishing some sprightly piano
music. The Epworth League proved it-
self to be a royal host, and now that the
service is past, it will continue to be a
fragrant memory.

LAYING THE RAILS

Work on the Middletown and Odessa
trolley road has been going on rapidly
during the week, and the rails are laid
from the Pennsylvania Railroad track in
this town to Mill Lane, and in a short
time the contractor will complete the
task of laying the rails.

The work of placing the poles in po-
sition has been going on for several days,
and the scene along the entire route is
one of great activity, and from present in-
dications the entire line will be com-
pleted in a few weeks.

PERSONALITIES

Mr. B. P. Wilson, of Elkton, is the
guest of his parents.

Mr. Lee Corrie, of Chester, Pa., visited
friends in town, of which he is a
friend.

Mr. Edward Boggs, of Cheswold, was
in town Saturday evening.

Rev. G. T. Alderson, of Lewes, visited
Rev. C. T. Wyatt this week.

Miss Grace Parvis is spending the
month of July in Rehoboth.

Mr. John Gill, of Philadelphia, is the
guest of his mother on Green street.

Mr. and Mrs. George Minner and chil-
dren are visiting relatives in Magnolia.

Miss Elsie R. Jones visited Miss Eliza-
beth Hopkins, at Farmhurst, over Sunday.

Mr. W. P. Cullen has returned from a
two weeks' visit with relatives down the
State.

Mr. and Mrs. William Barnett and son
Taylor, were Philadelphia visitors one
day this week.

Mr. James Adkins, of Philadelphia, will
spend Sunday with his parents on
East Main street.

Miss Nellie Ernest, of Philadelphia, will
be the guest of Miss Addie M. John-
son over Sunday.

Mr. Charles Ernest, of Philadelphia, was
the guest of Mr. William H. Johnson
and family last Saturday.

Mr. Raymond J. Wilson and lady
friend, of Philadelphia, are visiting Mr.
and Mrs. W. Wilson.

The Misses Alice and Cornelia Ford, of
Beverly, N. J., were the guests last
week of Miss Elizabeth R. Hall.

Miss Sylvia Moore who has been at-
tending the West Chester State Normal
School, has returned home.

Mr. G. Ernest Johnson, of Philadel-
phia, will be an over Sunday guest of his
father on West Green street.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Van Sant, of Phila-
delphia, are being entertained by Mr.
W. W. Wilson, on Lake street.

Mr. Bright Cleaver, of Mt. Pleasant,
has accepted a position as bookkeeper
with the Middletown Hardware House.

Mrs. James Hamilton, of Wilmington, is
the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
J. W. Burrows, on North Broad street.

Mrs. William Clark who has been visit-
ing her mother, Mrs. Anna Gallagher,
has returned to her home in Philadel-
phia.

Mrs. John Allen and children, Mildred,
May and John, of Philadelphia, are guests
at the Middletown Hotel, where they
will spend the summer.

Misses E. B. Freeman and Florence
Endicott, of Philadelphia, were enter-
tained during the first of the week by Mr.
and Mrs. W. Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Styles and daughter,
Miss Grace, of Philadelphia, will ar-
rive at the Middletown Hotel to-day,
where they will remain for several weeks.

Miss Elizabeth Hopkins has resigned her
position at the Delaware State Hos-
pital and returned home yesterday. She
has accepted a position in the telephone
exchange here.

The Rev. F. H. Moore visited Wash-
ington last Tuesday, and in addition
to visiting the places of public interest,
he had the pleasure of seeing the Rev.
Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Alexander, formerly
of the Forest Church. Doctor Moore re-
ceived a cordial welcome, and found Dr.
and Mrs. Alexander in excellent health,
and deeply interested in the welfare of
their Middletown friends.

RED MEN'S ANNIVERSARY

Friday evening, June 26th, Seneca
Tribe, No. 44, improved Order of Red
Men, was one year old, and its first an-
niversary was held in the Opera House.
It was strictly Red Men's affair, none
but members of the order with their fam-
ilies and the young ladies who so kindly
assisted them in their recent strawberry
festival, were permitted to be present.
Among the visiting brothers were: P. G.
S., George R. Powell, of No. 24; F. M.
Smith and W. G. Hill, of No. 22; G. C.
R., Edward McIntyre, of No. 3; W. H.
Ferguson of No. 9; C. T. Wyatt, D. D., of
Crown Tribe, No. 108, Maryland.

At the proper time, J. A. Snyder, D.
G. S., called the assembly to order and
made a short talk, introducing the Great
Chief in the following program:
Overture.....Miss Lena Pleasanton
Long talk.....George R. Powell, P. G. S.
Duett, "Under the Bamboo Tree,"
.....May Kumpel and Jeannette Schreitz
Long talk.....Edward McIntyre, G. C. R.
Solo, "I'll be there, Mary dear"
.....Estella G. Snyder

Long talk.....F. M. Smith, No. 23
Long talk.....C. T. Wyatt, P. S.,
Duett, "Sing me a song of the South,"
.....Estella Jeannette Schreitz
Long talk.....W. H. Ferguson, G. S.
At the conclusion of the concert and veni-
son (ice cream and cake) were served in
abundance, and the balance of the even-
ing was spent in a social and friendly
manner. At a late hour the assembly
adjourned. The long talks (or speeches)
were very interesting and instructive.
Dr. Wyatt was in one of his happiest
moods, and his talk, as well as that of
Brother Smith, will not soon be forgot-
ten. Seneca Tribe looks forward with a
great deal of pleasure to the second
anniversary period.

THE RECEIVER'S SALE

The machinery of the Middletown
Shut Factory was sold at receiver's sale on
Wednesday to Messrs. Weil, Haskell &
Co., of Glen Falls, N. Y., for \$10,000.
Many shirt manufacturers from Penin-
sula towns attended the sale, and was
the opinion of all that the price paid
was exceedingly low, as the machinery
in the factory cost nearly \$4,000.
It is very fortunate for the people of
Middletown that the purchasers of the
plant are experienced shirt makers, and
propose to turn the plant to its full cap-
acity; thus insuring work to many of our
people who depend on the factory for a
livelihood. We are reliably informed
that the new owners expect to have the
factory in operation at a very early date.

Received Their Certificates

Of the seven applicants for license to
practice medicine and surgery in this
State, who came before the Medical Ex-
amining Board, representing the State
Medical Society of Delaware, which was
held in Dover last week, the following
passed and will receive their certificates
from the medical council: Dudley M.
Manson, of New Castle; Anna C. Shipley,
of Seaford and Freeman S. Roover, of
Milroy, Pa.

ODESSA

Miss Etta Rose, of Newark, is home
for the summer vacation.

Miss Lucy Appleton is visiting Mrs. D.
C. Howell near Summit Bridge.

Mrs. R. L. Hallett is entertaining her
sister, Miss H. Neal, of Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Clarence Howard, of Newark, vis-
ited friends in town from Saturday until
Monday.

Mr. Harry Heller, of Wilmington, is
visiting his parents, Mr. William Heller
and wife.

Mrs. McClellan and daughter, Miss
Mary, of Dayton, O., are visiting Mrs.
John Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Draper and son, of
Upland, Pa., are the guests of Mr. and
Mrs. Corbit Vinyard.

Messrs. George and Richard Moore and
Richard Dulan, of Salisbury, Md., are
guests of their parents here.

Misses Mary Louise and Dorothy Curtis,
of Newark, are spending sometime with
their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W.
Corbit.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Townsend, of
Chambersburg, Pa., are visiting at the
home of his parents, Mr. G. L. Town-
send and wife.

Mrs. J. C. Corbit, Jr. and son, of Nor-
ristown, Pa., are the guests of her par-
ents, Mr. Joseph L. Gibson and wife.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Stevens left Thurs-
day for Medford, N. J., where she will
spend sometime with her daughter, Mrs.
Fred Kumpel.

Quite a number from town attended the
Bicentennial services at Middletown
on Tuesday evening, and had a very
pleasant time.

Misses Annie and Margaret Gremm-
ing, of Philadelphia, and Mr. and Mrs.
Fred Demerest, of Delanco, N. J., are be-
ing entertained by their mother, Mrs. M.
Gremminger.

Rev. W. G. Koons, of Smyrna, Presid-
ing Elder of Eastern District, will hold the
First Quarterly Conference this evening,
July 4th, at 8 o'clock. He will also ad-
minister love feast to-morrow morning
at 9.30 o'clock, and preach at 10.30 A. M.

TOWNSEND

Mr. W. B. Weldon was in Wilmington
Tuesday.

Mr. A. Reynolds, of Golts, spent Sun-
day in town.

Mr. Harvey Collins, of Wilmington,
spent Thursday in town.

Miss Minnie Hammon is visiting her
sister, Mrs. M. B. Donovan.

Mr. Charles Ernest, of Philadelphia,
spent Sunday in Townsend.

Miss Lizzie Welch, of Philadelphia, is
visiting Mrs. Winfield Latonius.

Miss Ethelwyn J. Maloney spent sev-
eral days in Wilmington this week.

Mrs. W. N. Watts and daughter, Mrs.
D. B. Jones, spent Tuesday in Smyrna.

Mr. Daniel E. Jones spent the week
with Mr. Sherman Webb, of near Odessa.

Prof. W. L. Gooding, of Dickinson Col-
lege, Carlisle, Pa., was in town on Sat-
urday.

Mrs. H. B. Stradley, of Clayton, visited
her daughter, Mrs. Benjamin Hutchison,
on Wednesday.

The Knights of the Golden Eagle, of
Townsend, will hold a public installation
of officers on next Wednesday evening.

Mr. Edward Daniels, of the U. S. S.
Maine, which is in Cramp's shipyard,
Philadelphia, is home on a seven days
furlough.

WARWICK

Ho! for the Fourth!
W. J. Lofland, Jr., spent Thursday and
Friday in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Merritt were the
guests of Mrs. Arabella Piser on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Everett, of Wash-
ington, D. C., are guests of Mrs. A. Jones.

Miss Manie Spear, of the Manor, is the
guest of her sister, Mrs. S. D. Wilson.

Mrs. John Ernest, of Sassafras, was the
guest of Mrs. Sallie Gunkel Monday.

The Junior Endeavor held a social at
the home of Miss Manie Merritt last
Saturday.

Mrs. C. R. Manlove, near Middle-
town, was the guest of Mrs. W. J. Lof-
land Sunday.

Mr. Ernest Litsinger, D. D., delivered
an able sermon to a large congregation
last Sunday morning.

The M. P. choir did not go to Sassafras
on Sunday evening owing to the death
of Mrs. Robert Johnson.

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society
held its monthly business and social
meeting at the home of W. H. Bennett
last Thursday evening.

WHITE POTATO CROP

From present indications, the pres-
ent season will be a profitable one for
the growers of white potatoes, and every
day hundreds of barrels of the staple
product are shipped up the Delaware
road from the southern part of the Penin-
sula. One of the principal shipping
points is Cape Charles, the southernmost
Peninsula point, where on one day 10,000
barrels were shipped. These come,
largely, from Virginia towns, and came
all the way up the Delaware division of
the Pennsylvania Railroad. The prices
realized ranged from \$3.15 to \$3.70 per
barrel.

DEATH OF MRS. ROBERT W. JOHNSTON

SASSAFRAS, Md., July 3d, 1903.
The death of Mrs. Robert W. Johnston
occurred on Wednesday last. She had
been ill about two months with consump-
tion, and everything was done to prolong
her life, but her Heavenly Father willed
it otherwise. She was 28 years of age
and leaves a devoted husband and three
little boys. Funeral services were held
in Rehoboth M. P. Church; interment in
the adjoining cemetery. Rev. J. T. Lit-
singer officiating.

MRS. ANNA PADLEY

The mortal remains of Mrs. Anna Pad-
ley, who was found dead in bed on Sun-
day morning at her home at Boyd's
Corner, was laid to rest beside her hus-
band, James Padley, whose death oc-
curred just two weeks ago, in St. Georges
Cemetery on Tuesday. Mrs. Padley had
been in poor health for several months,
but her sudden death was a great shock
to her family and friends, who were not
aware of her being dangerously ill. Mrs.
Padley was aged 72 years.

REDUCED TAX RATE

The Levy Court Tuesday afternoon
fixed the tax rate for the fiscal year be-
ginning Wednesday at 65 cents on the
\$100 of assessed valuation, which is a
reduction of five cents. The old fiscal
year was closed with a cash balance of
about \$84,000. In addition the county
may realize \$25,000 on taxes as yet un-
paid. This reduction of the tax rate
speaks well of the financing of the
Levy Courtmen.

The new appropriation list adopted by
the Levy Court is as follows:
Loan for funding floating debt \$ 10,000.00
Loan for benefit of Trustees of
Board of Prisoners..... 10,000.00
Loan for funding floating debt..... 10,000.00

No. 1..... 10,000.00
No. 2..... 10,000.00
Trustees of the Poor..... 31,000.00
Post house..... 5,000.00
Public roads..... 2,000.00
Salaries..... 20,000.00
Interest on bonds..... 20,000.00
Board of prisoners..... 35,000.00
First and Second districts (Wil-
mington)..... 17,000.00
Third district..... 2,500.00
Fourth district..... 2,000.00
Fifth district..... 4,000.00
Sixth district..... 2,000.00
Seventh district..... 500.00
Allowances to assessors..... 2,000.00
Coroner and physicians..... 2,000.00
Rebate on taxes..... 20,000.00
Magistrates and constables..... 9,000.00
Printing and stationery..... 4,000.00
Errors in assessment..... 20,000.00
Court expenses..... 2,000.00
Light, power and water..... 400.00
Good roads..... 11,000.00
Ferry Industrial School..... 7,800.00
County morgue..... 200.00
Overpaid..... 400.00
Insurance..... 100.00
Auditors..... 500.00
Telephones..... 700.00
Mill dams..... 3,000.00
Unappropriated funds..... 7,511.91
Total.....\$313,211.91

The tax rates were fixed in the adop-
tion of the following resolutions:
"Resolved, That the sum of 55 cents
per one hundred dollars be levied as the
tax rate for county purposes and the sum
of 10 cents per hundred dollars be levied
for the year 1903.

"Resolved, That the sum of 30 cents
per one hundred dollars be levied as the
tax rate for the real estate and personal
assessment of colored people for school
purposes in the several hundred of New
Castle county for the year A. D. 1903."

MARRIED

DINSMORE-HAYES.—On Tuesday,
July 20th, 1903, by the Rev. John
Snape, in Wilmington, Mr. Leroy
Dinsmore and Miss Mary E. Hayes.
The bride was a former resident of this
town.

DIED

PADLEY.—On Sunday, June 28th, 1903,
near McDonough, Mrs. Anna Padley,
aged 72 years.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLS.
Wheat—No. 1.....78 1/8 Corn..... 47
No. 2.....76 1/2 Yellow, shelled 47
Timothy Seed \$2.65 "cob..... 50
Clover Seed 1b 10c Oats..... 50
MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEY.
Eggs, per doz..... 16c 1/2
Country Butter, per lb..... 18c 1/2
Creamery Butter, per lb..... 28
Lard, per lb..... 11c 1/2
Canned, per lb..... 12c 1/2
Potatoes, per basket..... 25c 1/2

THE OLD OAKEN BUCKET

BY ADA BEERS FAY.

It was a warm, bright morning, early in July. A fresh breeze swept down from the uplands, gently rippled the silvery surface of a tiny lake as it sparkled in the sunshine, and whispered gay tidings among the stately trees. The bright heads of the flowers bowed humbly before the magic sceptre of this gentle son of Aeolus, as he, on invisible wings, wafted their sweet perfume over the long meadow grasses, toward the dark and gloomy pines on the brow of a distant hill. A line of purple mountains extended along the eastern horizon. Softly swelling wooded hills enclosed an oblong valley of quiet, peaceful beauty. A bright mountain stream threaded its way among the fair meadow lands, glistening now and again, as it came into view, like a silver jewel in an emerald setting. The harvesters were busy in the meadows, and cattle were grazing on the quiet hillsides. Here and there, a house peeped out from among the trees, and thin, blue columns of smoke ascended into the summer air.

Near the centre of the valley stood a large red mill, whose busy wheel made the most of the long days, and plashed, plashed, from dawn to dusk. Over all bent a warm, sunny sky, from which the June blueness had not yet escaped. The cloud shadows chased each other over the mountain crests where an eternal silence seemed to reign.

On a large, flat elevation at the western extremity of the valley, stood a big, green-shuttered, white frame farm house. A wide, vine-covered piazza extended along the front, and commanded a fine view of the valley, the adjacent hills, and the magnificent mountain chain beyond. Two gigantic elms, one at either end of the piazza, threw wavering shadows on the tender green of the lawn, wherein were beds of pansies, heliotrope, verbenas, geraniums, and a few June roses blooming beyond their allotted time. A fragrant honeysuckle clambered up among the woodbine which shaded the piazza, and through the long summer days sent its delicious perfume through the open windows into the pleasant rooms.

At the right of the house the ground dipped suddenly into a green, sunny dell, in whose bosom sparkled the dimpling waters of a little lake whereon rocked an old canoe. At the right, and toward the rear of the house, but hidden from view by a fir copse, stood an old-fashioned well, whose crystal depths were of mountain origin, and which might, indeed, have been the nectar of the gods. The circular curb of worn, yellowish stone contrasted vividly with the verdure by which it was surrounded. Above these delicate tints loomed the dull, gray beam from which depended

"The old oaken bucket, the iron moss covered bucket which hung in the well."

Between its frequent plunges into the limpid water—which reflected the blue sky with its snowy clouds—it stood on the yellow curb with an easy, friendly dignity peculiar to itself. A huge umbrageous maple stood at a little distance from the well, while a little farther on was the finest orchard in all the countryside.

In the pleasant dining-room of the spacious farm house, a dainty breakfast table stood, evidently awaiting the pleasure of those who had not yet honored it with their attention. The snowy napery, pretty china, and fragrant flowers alone made it a very attractive board, but when the savory, substantial breakfast was added, it would indeed prove quite irresistible. An exceedingly pretty girl entered the room, and crossing over to the table which she had carefully arranged but a little ago, surveyed it critically for a moment, then bestowing upon it an approving little nod, passed to one of the open windows, and lingered in thoughtful contemplation, while her eyes wandered over the fair scene without.

She is a little above the medium height, of slender form and graceful bearing. She is very fair, with a delicate rose color on her cheeks, and a ripe strawberry bloom on her perfect lips. Her hair is a dark brown, with little loose curls about her broad forehead. Her fine, large eyes are arched by rather heavy

brows, and shaded by long, dusky lashes. They are wonderful eyes. A rich, agate gray one moment, the next, either black, blue or brown. It is impossible to decide which particular color nature designed them to be. They vary with every passing mood, and are not only the chief charm of her beautiful face, but truthful exponents of her every emotion. She wore a light, cool-looking print, with immaculate collar and cuffs, and a pretty white apron. There was a feathery spray at her throat and in her hair, and altogether, Margaret Percy was a picture not often seen in a New England farm house on a summer morning.

Her reverie was brought suddenly to a close by the entrance of a little, white-haired woman, with faded blue eyes, and a weak, discontented face, who addressed her daughter in sharp, querulous tones as she desired the breakfast served at once, with a would-be air of regality, which sat rather absurdly on her little, insignificant person. Margaret placed the steaming breakfast before her, then busied herself with the coffee. Five or ten minutes passed in silence, while Mrs. Percy, despite her vaunted delicacy, took the sharp edge from her keen appetite. Glancing across the table, she said more pleasantly than before:

Well, Margaret, what do you think of your aunt's proposal by this time?

I am strongly inclined to think very favorably of it, with a bright smile.

But it would make you a great deal of extra work through the hot weather.

Yes, but it will be worth it. We will have plenty of fruit and vegetables, and with the milk and eggs which we always have in abundance, there need be but little outlay, and as she says they will pay liberally for good board, I see quite a little margin on our side when summer is over.

I have felt just a little troubled about letting the farm, but if we can make such use of those four rooms, I think we will more than make up for any loss we may sustain in the farm management. You know I intended to teach these two months, but this will be far more remunerative, and to me much pleasanter than being shut in that little, stifling schoolhouse through all this glorious summer weather.

It will be much better every way, for then you will be at home to attend to my wants. I can't endure to be left alone now, since your father is no longer here.

You shall not be left alone. That is one reason I like the idea of taking Aunt Lizzie and her friends. It will make it pleasant for you, I think. You shall have none of the worry, and Mary and I can manage the work nicely.

poking away off here for, is more than I can understand, unless Lizzie is at the bottom of it, and if she is, she's up to some game that she expects will play into her hand more surely in this lonely place than elsewhere. Lizzie always was deep! in an injured tone.

Then when shall I say they may come? inquired Margaret as they left the table.

O, any time. Suit yourself, with an air of easy unconcern as she went off with a book to establish herself on her pet lounge until dinner time.

Margaret stood motionless in the centre of the room, with a pained, irresolute look on her fair young face, but when the door closed on the retreating form, she only murmured softly:

Poor mother! and tying on a big gingham apron, she began to clear the table, her brain busy, meanwhile, with plans and projects for the accommodation of her summer boarders.

Let me see! she soliloquized. Aunt Lizzie and Mrs. Carpenter can have the east front chamber, and the two young ladies the one across the hall, and the gentleman must put up with the two in the rear—if they are not so large they are fully as pleasant, I'm sure. It strikes me as rather an odd party. But if, as mother says, with a humorous smile, Aunt Lizzie is 'deep,' there may be 'method in her madness'—if so I dare term the deep laid plans of such a grand dame.

Some twenty-five years before the opening of my story, Eugene Percy had bought and settled on this beautiful farm. Within a year he brought to it his bride, whom he had wooed and won during his college days. Her blue eyes and yellow hair had woven themselves inextricably about his manly heart, and created such dire confusion as only a more thorough knowledge of their owner could undo. It is quite probable that he recovered from his infatuation very speedily. She was merely a pretty, tyrannical nonentity. When Margaret was born, her mother voted her a nuisance, while her father idolized her. When the time came for her to leave home, for better educational advantages than their little farming community afforded, her father sent her to the very best of schools, and kept her there until his last illness, a few months before she would have been graduated. She was the only child, and her inefficient mother soon threw the responsibility of everything on her young shoulders, although she would most emphatically have disclaimed against such an accusation, had anyone been bold enough to make such an assertion in her august hearing.

At the appointed time Mrs. Ross and her retinue arrived, were duly installed in the old farm house, and proceeded to make themselves thoroughly at home.

A few days afterward the two sisters were seated on the piazza, chatting of old times and old friends. Finally the conversation wandered back to the present, and Mrs. Ross soon betrayed the deep-laid scheme of which her sister had suspected her, by saying:

You see, Fanny, just how matters stand with me. Our expenses are enormous, and we are greatly in debt. But if Maud makes the best use of the next few weeks, our pecuniary difficulties will be over, for Mr. St. John is very wealthy, and will of course do the handsome thing in the way of settlements. Indeed, I am free to confess to you, sister, that if he and Maud don't come to an understanding, and that, too, before the summer is over, I shall be in most embarrassing circumstances, for I have gone deeper and deeper into debt on the strength of her prospects in that direction. He has been paying her considerable attention for some little time past, and yet not to such an extent but that he can honorably withdraw if he should be so disposed. But that is just it. I am anxious that he should 'cross the Rubicon.' He spoke one day of spending the summer in New England, and I thought of this lovely place of yours, and set to work at once to arrange a little party for July and August, with perhaps a week of September, if the weather is very warm, as it often is at that time. You know propinquity is a wonderful agency in these delicate matters.

Yes, returned Mrs. Percy, dryly. And have Mrs. Carpenter and her niece brought Mr. Cunningham here for a similar purpose?

Her sister flushed deeply as she bit her lip.

Mr. Cunningham and Miss Carpenter have been engaged

some little time, and are to be married in the autumn.

Ah! ejaculated Mrs. Percy with a peculiar smile.

What a wonderfully pretty girl Margaret has grown. She is as easy and graceful as any of our New York belles. Let me see, she was educated in Boston, was she not?

Yes.

Mr. St. John, you know, is a southerner, and is very fastidious indeed. He spoke very enthusiastically yesterday of my niece's grace and beauty, as something quite out of the ordinary way, especially so far back in the country as this.

Her patronizing tone roused her listener's irritable temper almost beyond endurance.

Mr. St. John has traveled very extensively, not only throughout the entire western continent, but all over the world. He is really a very charming young man, decidedly moral—and all that, you know, and she patted and smoothed the ribbons of her becoming morning robe, with her fat, white, jeweled fingers.

At this juncture two figures emerged from the hall; a pretty, stylish-looking girl, and a tall, fine looking man with dark hair, eyes and mustache, and a clear, pale face, which was interesting rather than handsome.

Mamma, Mr. St. John and I are going down to that dear, picturesque-looking red mill, yonder. Do you not see it down there among the trees? resting a gloved hand on her mother's shoulder, while she pointed with the other in the direction of the mill.

Very well, my pet. But do not linger in the hot sunshine.

Luncheon at two, remember, laconically supplemented Mrs. Percy.

Mr. St. John gave her a keen and rather amused glance from his magnificent brown eyes, as they turned away.

Butterflies! exclaimed Margaret from an upper window where she watched them pass down the hill. But she quite well realized that a butterfly existence on such a morning must be simply perfect, and for one little moment she thought she wouldn't mind trying it herself.

There was a lovely little nook not far from the house, where wild strawberries grew in luxuriant profusion, and thither Margaret betook herself one sunny morning to gather enough for luncheon. She had been busily at work for a few minutes, when a pleasant voice exclaimed:

Would a little help be acceptable, Miss Percy?

She hastily pushed back the huge calico sunbonnet which shaded her face, and after a glance at his white hands said, smiling:

Do you want such looking hands as these, sir? holding out her rosy fingers for his inspection.

It will wash off, will it not? gravely contemplating her eyes.

O, yes, in the course of time. It will wear off—like everything else, pulling her bonnet over her face again, and busily diving with long, slender, shapely fingers in among the green grasses for the glowing berries. Another pair of hands joined in the task of filling the pail.

You really believe that, Miss Percy?

Believe what?

That everything wears off. Certainly I do. I know it. What would become of the millions and millions of grief-stricken hearts, if it were not true?

You ascribe their recovery to the healing wings of time, then?

Time is certainly a potent curative.

Undoubtedly.

Silence for the space of five seconds.

You have a magnificent place here, Miss Percy.

Yes. Reminds you of Windsor Castle, doesn't it? with perfect gravity.

Mr. St. John paused in his occupation, and pushing his broad-brimmed hat away from his eyes with the back of his hand, stared at her for a few seconds in mute astonishment. Then he laughed.

Come, now, that is too bad of you, Miss Percy, it really is.

I beg your pardon, I'm sure. But it's too bad you don't see the resemblance.

He looked narrowly at the sweet face, from time to time—or at as much of it as he could see for the immense bonnet, which he inwardly anathematized—while the scarlet contents of the pail crept higher and higher, and their "war of words" went on. Did you ever know a *bona fide* Yankee before, Mr. St. John? A real "wooden nutmeg" Yankee?

He glanced apprehensively at her as a fearful thought flashed into his mind. She must have

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